State Government has not furnished required guarantee and details of beneficiaries.

Flow of information from State GovernmentvUTs on implementation of this Programme is inadequate. In respect of Points 1-7, a large number of State Governments send "NIL" information, Representation of minorities in various State Services and professional institutions is not furnished though limited information about representation in police services does exist. Separate information regarding flow of benefits to minorities is not collacted under 20-Point Programme to permit any assessment about its adequacy.

The reports received from Gujarat Government indicate the following progress in implementation of the Programme in respect of important items:—

(a) Regarding Points 1-7 State Government have furnished 'NIL' information.

(b) Regarding Points 8-10 the progress is as below:—

(i) The State Governmemnt have nominated a member of minority community on selection boards for jobs in police and other Government organisation.

(ii) The representation of minority communities in police services in Gujarat is 5.48% of the police personnel.

(iii) The State Government has not furnished any data about flow of benefits to minorities under various State and Central development programmes though it has reported that they are constantly reviewing that a fair share reaches to minority communities from these programmes.

(iv) No assistance has been released to Gujarat Government from the NMDFC as it has not furnished State Committee and details of beneficiaries in respect of projects submitted.

(c) Minority Grievance Committees have been set up by the State Government.

No review meetings have been held at the level of Chief Minister of Chief Secretary for this Programme in Gujarat State. However, review meetings have been held and the districts level in respect of two minority concentration districts.

Sale of Hindustan Photo Films

3417 SHRI K.R. MALKANI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Hindustan Photo Films is up for sale;

(b) what are the Indian and foreign offers; and

(c) by when the matter is likely to be concluded?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) Hindustan Photo Films has been declared a sick industrial undertaking by BIFR and ICICI has been appointed as the Operating Agency to examine economic, commercial and technical viability of the company. As per the directive of BIFR, ICICI has floated enquiries on 5/6, June 1996 through advertisements in leading newspapers for JV/takeover/merger of HPF.

(b) and (c) ICICI has received 12 offers of interest which are under their scrutiny. In the hearing of BIFR held on 12.8.% three months time was given to ICICI to submit its report.

Rehabilitation of Bharat Process and Mechanical Engineers Ltd.

3418. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether in the BIFR hearing on 6th March, 96 regarding Bharat Process and Mechanical Engineers Ltd. (BPMEL), representative of Government of India

clarified that as a matter of policy Government of India have been converting their outstanding loans to sick CPSUs into equity and' writing-off only the interest;

(b) if so, whether loan to BPMEL was converted into equity while formulating rehabilitation package by operating agency;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether networth of the company would become positive as per estimates of the consultant if loans of BPMEL is converted into equity?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) Yes, Sir. The representative of Govt., however, submitted before BIFR that for making any financial commitments and sacrifices on behalf of the Govt, for funding rehabilitation scheme, the prior approval of the competent authority would be required.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. The consultant has recommended for conversion of Govt, loan into 'zero' interest bonds.

(d) Yes, Sir. If the existing Govt, loan to BPMEL is converted into equity and Govt, interest is waived off, the net worth of BPMEL will be positive. But the consultant who have recommended conversion of Govt, loan into zero interest bonds have estimated that the net-worth of the company would not become positive even in a time horizon of ten years.

द्विपक्षीय व्यापार में वृद्धि

3419. **श्री जियनभाई हरिभाई शुक्ल:** क्या वाणिज्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) गत 6 माह के दौरान किन-किन देशों ने भारत के साथ द्विपक्षीय व्यापार बढ़ाने के प्रति अपनी दिलचस्पी दिखाई है;

(ख) क्या उक्त अवधि के दौरान भारत द्वारा इन देशों के साथ कोई समझौता भी किया गया है;

(ग) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में चयन किए गए क्षेत्रों का देश-वार ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(घ) इस संबंध में अब तक कितनी प्रगति हुई है?

वाणिज्य मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री बोला बुल्ली रामैया): (क) से (घ) पिछले छः महीनों के दौरान किसी भी देश के साथ किसी भी करार पर हस्ताक्षर नहीं किए गए हैं। द्विपक्षीय व्यापार का संवर्धन करना एक सतत प्रक्रिया है और यह देखा गया है कि अधिकांश देश भारत के साथ व्यापार बढ़ाने के इच्छुक है।

मछली, सूखी मछली और मछली से बनी मदों का निर्यात

3420. **श्री कनकसिंह मोहनसिंह मंगरोला:** क्या वाणिज्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार ने गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान मछली, सूखी मछली और मछली से बनी मदों का निर्यात किया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में मद-वार ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) सरकार द्वारा दक्षिणी गुजरात और सौराष्ट्र में मछलियों के लिए भण्डारणकक्ष और सूखी मछली हेतु फैक्टरियां स्थापित करने के लिए क्या-क्या प्रयास किए गए है?

वाणिज्य मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री बोला बुल्ली रामैया): (क) और (ख) जी, हां। पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान मछली, सूखी मछली तथा मछली चूर्ण के किए गए निर्यात की कुल मात्रा तथा अर्जित विदेशी मुद्रा का विवरण इस प्रकार है:—

मा: मात्रा मी० टन में
मू: मूल्य करोड़ रु० में

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